

## Staff Professional Development

On Monday 11 June staff have an opportunity to join colleagues for professional development at Otorohanga Primary School. Bruce Moody is a numeracy advisor from the University of Waikato and will be working with teachers throughout a maths workshop. All staff will attend which means school will finish on this day at 2.00pm. The bus will depart at this time and for those who pick up their children please make arrangements to collect children from school early. Thank you.

## Orienteering Day

Kauri Class will be participating in the Aria Orienteering Day held on Friday 15 June at the St Helen's Domain starting 11.00am. Children will need their lunch, snack and a drink. There is a canteen of various foods available throughout the day. Children will also need warm clothing, a change of clothing and suitable footwear. This event will go ahead whatever the weather so children will need to come prepared. Transport will be required.

## Community News

### LUNCHBOXES FOR CHAMPIONS

Healthy Sandwich fillings for fuel

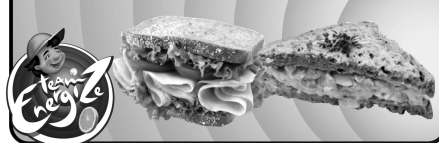
High fibre breads, pita and wraps digest slowly which will give kids long-lasting energy to GO.  
Use vegetable fillings to ensure kids get the vitamins and minerals to GLOW.



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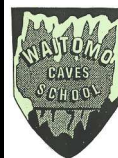
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Try to include some protein for sustained energy.  
Boiled eggs, lean meat, chicken and tinned fish are great fillings to help kids GROW strong.



## What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

30 May	College Production
4 June	Queen's birthday holiday
6 June	School photos
11 June	Staff PD – School closes 2.00pm
13 June	BOT meeting
15 June	Aria Orienteering Day
22 June	Mid-Year Reports go home
26 June	Parent report evening
29 June	Community Assembly, 1.30pm
29 June	End of Term 2
	Mrs Tamae Dimond Principal ☺



# Newsletter

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Term Two 2012

Week Five – 25 May

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Welcome Mrs Glenys George our new office administrator. Glenys is available three days a week and will be at school on Tuesday's, Friday's and part of Thursday mornings. We look forward to having Glenys rejoin the staff at Waitomo Caves School.

Unfortunately we farewell Chika Suzuki today, sooner than expected. Chika has been accepted into a TESOL course at the University of Auckland. Congratulations Chika and thank you for your work with staff, students and parents while volunteering your time here.

## ERO

The Education Review Office (ERO) has completed our school audit in a very robust and thorough way giving lots of positive feedback. Waitomo Caves School curriculum supports and promotes holistic learning experiences for students, provides clear guidelines and expectations for curriculum delivery aligned to the NZ Curriculum and students benefit from effective teaching practices across the school. ERO observed students purposefully engaged in learning and in the wider life of school. Other dimensions of the review included governance, teaching and learning and leadership. Again more positives were observed and documented in these



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areas. We look forward to sharing the full report with you once this has been received in the coming months. Thank you to the parents and BOT members who attended several meetings over the days ERO were here.

Excellent work students, parents, staff, BOT and community. We have a great school thanks to you all!

### **COP's Winter Sports**

What an awesome day! I can guarantee we would have had some very tired children on Wednesday evening. We are truly thankful for the parental support at the soccer venue this year as this gave me the opportunity to support other teams for the first time.

Congratulations and well done to the rippa and netball teams. The rippa team (Ratapu, Logan, Te Hurinui, Tui, Alyssa, Tiana and Angel) played eight games without any subs. They showed lots of flair, with loads of ripping and plenty of tries. They also drew in their game with the Oto South team who came out on top.

The netball team (Peta, Blaze, Jessie, Kyah, Portia, John, Keely and Devon) showed skill and commitment with their style of play that resulted in some good wins. We saw some great defence and awesome shooting skills. Thank you Vickie and Tanchia.

The soccer team (Elijah, Te Rito, Rawiri, Arleyah, Max, Tame, Siân, Maddison, Thomas and Nikhil) competed well and played with heart. They played four half hour games resulting in Tame being 'player of the day'.

Thank you to the adults, who provided transport, Mrs Steger, Mr Dimond, Adrian, Bex, Jamie, Vickie, Rhonda, Alannah, Rena and Mitch.



We had a fantastic team of parents and supporters operating a busy food stall at the soccer venue with an approx profit of \$655. Thank you to Alannah, Batch, Joe, Dawn, Rarangi, Nitesh, Jamie, Bex, Chika, Adrian, Mitch and Pania. Very special thanks



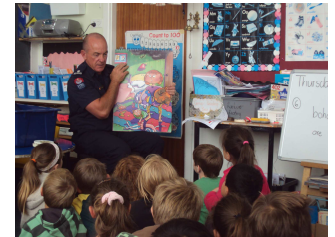
to Hellers for the sausages on behalf of Hellers Sausages for Schools promotion.

Thank you also to Angel and Portia for doing the preparation needed prior to having the barbeque.



### **Fire Safety**

Having Fire Officers Kevin Holmes and Stephen Lambert visit our school last week has really helped reinforce the aspect of fire safety and ways to keep our families safe from fire in their homes. If your home is on fire Get Down, Get Low and Get Out Fast!



### **SunSmart Accredited School**



For several years now Waitomo Caves School has been a SunSmart school. We have procedures and practices in place where students and staff will be protected from skin damage caused by harmful UV radiation from the sun, which can lead to skin cancer in later life.

As a SunSmart accredited school, with the support of the Cancer Society, we have received free sunscreen and hats for every student. These will be used as a school set to remain at school during Terms 1 and 4.

Mrs Jane Marsden from Hamilton presented us with sunscreen and sun hats yesterday. We are very fortunate to have these resources. Don't we look good!

### **Otorohanga College Production**

On Wednesday 30 May the Kauri Class will be part of the audience at the Otorohanga College musical Grease. Transport has been confirmed and we will be departing school midday and will return before 3.00pm.

### **School Photos**

PhotoLife will be at school on Wednesday 6 June. All class, individual and family photos will be taken in the afternoon. Photos need to be ordered and paid for before the photographers come. Photo packs are included with this newsletter. Please make your orders on the envelopes and return these to school with the money by Friday 1 June.